Security clearance for the Vallarpadam transhipment hub at Cochin

110. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has sought security clearance from the Defence Ministry for the Vallarpadam transhipment hub at Cochin in view of a Naval establishment in the vicinity of the site; and

(b) if so, the details and the response of the Defence Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI Su. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) The information sought by the Hon'ble Member cannot be divulged in public interest.

Development of Kakinada-Marakkanam Canal System with the Godavari and Krishna Waterways

111. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kakinada-Marakkanam canal system with the Godavari and Krishna waterways is to be developed and declared a National Waterway;

(b) the estimated cost of this project;

(c) whether Government have accorded its sanction;

(d) by when the work on this is likely to commence; and

(e) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI Su. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 585 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.